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1. BERIDZE has established himself in Barcelona. He has taken an apartment and has hired as cook a young Georgian by the name of PALAIACHVILI. PALAIACHVILI worked as a sort of errand boy for KEDIA in Berlin during the war. BERIDZE travels a great deal and goes frequently to Tetuan (Spanish Morocco) and occasionally to London. He has made contact with all the former German friends of KEDIA who are in Spain and particularly with Eugen LANG.

2. LANG, a German industrialist, was a friend of KEDIA and entered into business negotiations with BERIDZE in 1942 upon KEDIA's request. LANG was a member of Amt VI and was also a close friend of ACHMETELI, Von MENDE and Friedrich BERBER. Together with BERIDZE and Prince VACHNADZE, LANG carried on several deals, from which the profits were to finance the Caucasian group in Germany. In April 1945 LANG was reported by KEDIA to have fled to Spain with approximately fifty millions of dollars. KEDIA claims to have an interest in this money. LANG has invested the money in several businesses and his latest venture is a pen and pencil firm, the direction of which he has offered to KEDIA.

3. (Mme.) Vera BERIDZE returned on the 25th of October to Geneva from Spain for a visit. She brought with her a large package of letters for KEDIA but to his disappointment no money was included.

4. BERIDZE's company, "Société Minière Marocaine" of Tangiers, has been reported by Source [] to have a large account in one of the bigger banks in Basel. Quite often considerable sums are transferred from Tangiers to Basel and recently a very large transfer was made from Tangier to Paris. In connection with BERIDZE, [] reported that an emissary from the Soviet Embassy, Paris, had visited Switzerland in May or June 1947 with the proposition that KEDIA and BERIDZE work for the Soviet IS.

5. [] reports that so far it has not been possible to determine whether KOBACHIDZE has visited Switzerland. However,

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There is a good possibility that he has because BERIDZE arranged for the transfer of money from Germany to Switzerland in 1945 for KOBALIDZE. KOBALIDZE, however, would probably have had to come to Switzerland to arrange his financial affairs with BERIDZE.

Another contact of KOBALIDZE has been reported by []:

1. Pierre ANGHES. ANGHES was with KOBALIDZE about Christmas of 1946/47. ANGHES was known to [] when both were students at the Sorbonne. ANGHES was a brilliant light in the French Communist Party. In April 1941 [] took ANGHES into his apartment when the latter escaped from a Vichy prison. Then [] learned that ANGHES was one of the Parisian editors for the clandestine paper "L'Humanité" and was also the leader of several Communist cells in the northeastern suburb of Paris, Aubervilliers, Pantin, Bobigny, etc.
7. ANGHES' father was shot by the Germans with a group of hostages in 1942. Pierre ANGHES married a young Hungarian Jewess whom he managed to infiltrate into the "Kommandateur" of Paris as an interpreter. Through his wife ANGHES received valuable information which he communicated to the French CP. At this period ANGHES passed himself off as a professor of German which was, in fact, his profession.
8. After the liberation of France, ANGHES reappeared as a member of Maurice THOREZ' cabinet. ANGHES has always had close connections with the JOLLIOT-CURIE family and it has been learned that he took part in the conferences held by the directing committee of the French CP on the dangers of the atomic bomb.

Traces: LANG, Eugen BX-564

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